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McGuire Dedication Slated For Saturday, January 23

The official dedication of McGuire General Hospital is scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd, at 2 P.M., in the Red Cross Building.

Col. E. E. Gesler of the Corps of Engineers will make formal presentation of the hospital buildings which will be accepted and appropriately acknowledged by Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss of the Office of the Surgeon General.

Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General of the Third Service Command will address the assemblage on the importance of McGuire General Hospital and her sister hospitals in their specialized care of the sick and wounded.

During the ceremonies a large oil portrait of Dr. Hunter Holmes Mc-

Guire, in whose honor the hospital was named, will be presented to the hospital by the McGuire family. Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer of McGuire, will accept the portrait in the name of McGuire General Hospital.

Special invitations to attend the ceremonies have been sent to leading dignitaries of the Army Third Service Command and Medical Corps, the Governor of Virginia, the Mayor of Richmond, representatives of local organizations and commanding officers of nearby Army posts.

Arrangements have been made for broadcasting the dedication ceremonies over Richmond's radio station WRVA.

Pastor Packs Red Cross Hall

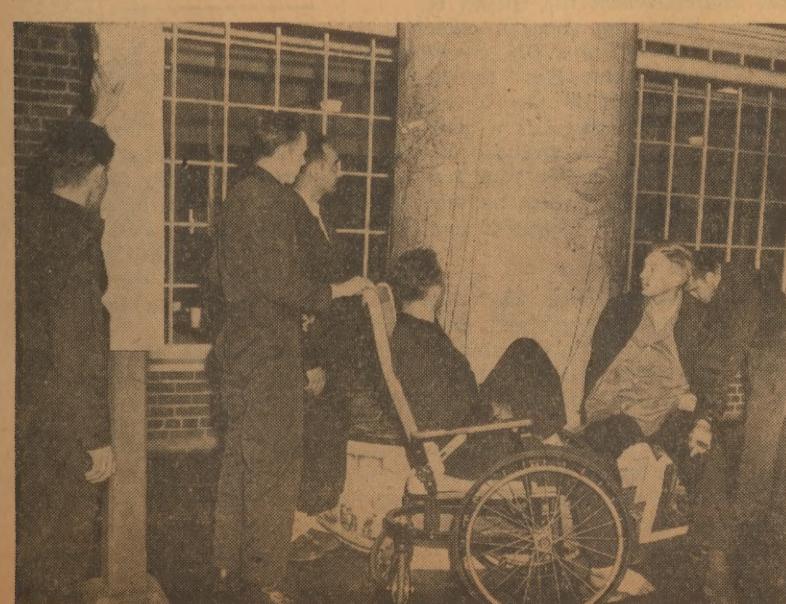
Tony Pastor and his Spotlite Band really packed them in at the Red Cross hall on New Year's night, when the "Victory Parade of Spotlite Bands" saluted McGuire via coast-to-coast radio network. Patients from the new convoy arriving at McGuire earlier in the evening were a particularly appreciative portion of the audience packed into the auditorium until its sides fairly bulged.

In addition to the 25-minute broadcast over 193 Blue Network stations at 9:30 P.M., Pastor and his orchestra provided music for the special dance on the Red Cross floor from 10 to 12 P.M.

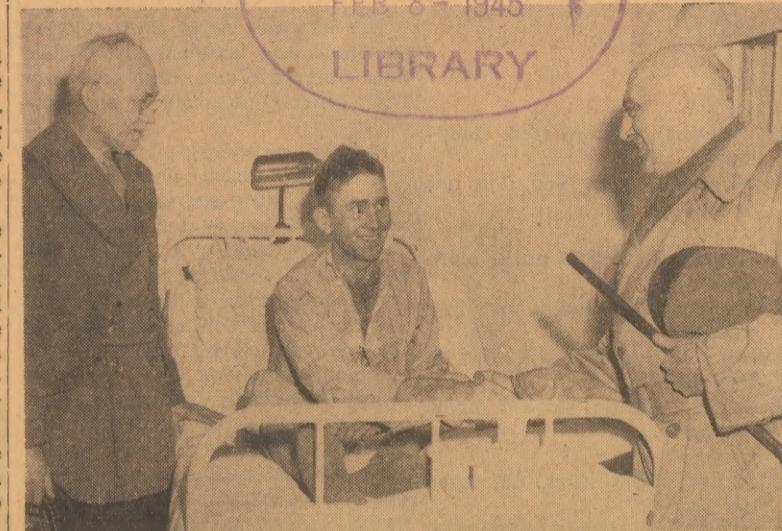
The pre-broadcast jam session gave the litter and wheel chair patients an opportunity to enjoy sights and sounds they had been missing overseas, and they were most enthusiastic in their applause.

Overseas Vets Plan Progress of War They Can No Longer Fight

The large world map in Times Square at McGuire is a favorite rendezvous with the combat casualty patients at the hospital. Daily bull sessions are held there by the wounded vets who have fought in every sector of the globe. "What we ought to do is this" . . . "if we could have sent another artillery outfit in on their right flank, we'd have knocked the Jerries out" . . . "if we could have had more fire power." These are some of the remarks that are heard when the vets who were there "when it happened" gather round the map. There's always one GI to read aloud the latest war communiques while others move the progress-of-the-war pins in accordance. Maps, magazine articles and pictures of war activities are thumbed through for references that will "back up" a retrospection or prognostication. Pictured below are six of McGuire's overseas combat veterans as deeply engrossed in planning as any four-star war strategy conclave.



Gen. Hayes Inspects McGuire



General Hayes greets McGuire patient, Pvt. James W. Nelson of Coleman, Okla., as Colonel Duggins looks on.

Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, and his staff; Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer of McGuire General Hospital; and staff members of Radio Station WITH boarded the hospital train at Fulton yards to inspect the train, mess facilities and care of the combat casualty patients recently convoyered from overseas.

While the inspection was under way, Ray Baker of Station WITH of Baltimore interviewed some of the patients en route to McGuire. Pfc. Clarence L. Zimmerman, Baltimore, 26-year-old old infantryman who went overseas about a year ago, told of his marriage just before shipping out . . . how he saw action in Normandy, was wounded by shrapnel during the fighting at Brest, and was captured by the Germans while trying to get back to his outfit . . . He expressed deep gratitude to the medics for their excellent front line care as well as for the care they and the nurses gave him at evacuation hospitals and on board hospital ship and train.

16 Months Army Service

Pfc. Paul Vanover, 24-year-old Richmond infantryman, told of being married seven years to his wife, Doris. Each of them was 17 years old at the time of marriage. Vanover has had sixteen months of Army service—eight of the months in overseas combat. He told of his experiences during the invasion of France . . . how he was wounded by shrapnel burst when trying to cross a river channel to the city of Nancy, just outside of Metz . . . and how brave and intrepid front line medics are in the discharge of their duties . . . how he spent New Year's eve on board the hospital ship, and the wonderful service he received from medicos, medical corps officers, nurses, and the crew on board the ship coming over.

Pvt. John Baker, of Danville, Va., told of his fifteen months overseas service as a medic and said that medics did nothing more than their duty in caring for the wounded and that the real heroes were the fellows who went in there to slug it out with the enemy without ever knowing exactly what was before them.

Train Reaches McGuire

When the train reached McGuire, General Hayes and his staff inspected the hospital and its facilities while John Prince of WITH staff interviewed some of the hospital patients. 19-year-old Pvt. Harry R. Culotta of Baltimore, Md., told of going overseas in September of '43, as an infantry rifleman . . . how he landed at Casablanca . . . how he landed for the first time in the Cassino campaign, but returned for duty with the Anzio beach push . . . how he was



John Prince of WITH interviews Sgt. Andrew Dickerson while Pfc. William M. Knable awaits his turn.

Col. Duggins Lauds Bond Drive Here

Col. P. E. Duggins, hospital commanding officer expressed gratification and praise for the splendid response of McGuire personnel in the Sixth War Bond Drive just concluded.

"It is of the utmost importance that we provide 'more firepower for Eisenhower' at this critical period of our war effort, and by the excellent response to this Bond Drive, McGuire personnel has done its part toward providing sorely needed supplies for our fighting men," the Colonel told bond officer Lt. R. T. Morrison.

The McGuire Bond Drive topped its quota of \$40,000.00 by almost \$4,250, according to Lt. Morrison, and one bond sale that did much to push the total up was the \$2775 bond purchase by Miss Virginia Carlisle of the Post Engineers Department.

Lt. Morrison said, "The War Bond Committee that worked so tirelessly in putting this drive over received special commendation from Col. Duggins. I would like to add my own thanks and appreciation for their fine support."

Figures on the Class A pay reservations and Class B allotments were not available at the time the BANNER went to press, but will be published in an edition of the near future.

GI Wire Rates for Home Bound Vets

Homeward bound telegrams for members of the Armed Forces are now available through a special arrangement recently made by Western Union.

Pre-prepared messages to be sent from reception centers separation centers or debarkation hospitals are listed on the telegraph blank to be used for the GI message which is to be checked as selected. These messages may be sent to any Western Union destination in the United States for 25 cents, plus tax.

ANYBODY WANT \$25,000,000

Washington, (CNS)—The Veterans Administration disclosed that it has \$25,000,000 going begging—bonus money due 30,000 veterans of World War I.

Advice To Car Clubbers

The sponsor of 1945 sounds a timely note of advice to car owners who club with careless riders to relieve the transportation shortage as well as to the clubbing riders:

For Riders

1. Conduct yourself in your host's car as you would expect a visitor to behave in your home. Remember, his car must last for the duration.
2. Pay for your share of the operating expenses.
3. Be prompt in reporting at the pick-up point.

4. Don't ask special favors that would inconvenience other members of the club.

5. Keep your driver's phone number. Notify him if you cannot meet him.

6. Don't expect "taxi" service. Walk, or use public transportation, to a convenient pick-up point,

For Drivers

7. Hold to your schedule. Don't keep your passengers waiting.

8. Be sure to notify your riders if unable to drive.

9. Keep your car in good running order. Others depend on you.

10. Drive carefully. Avoid accidents.

Red Cross Events

Red Cross workers at McGuire have given the Christmas saints plenty of overtime this season, for they have arranged complete Christmas celebrations for recently arrived convoys of patients who were en route on trains or the high seas on Christmas day.

The Red Cross entertainment program for this week includes the "Games and Community Sing" in the auditorium tonight with an orchestra from the Richmond School of Music; a Special Services Show in the auditorium on Friday night and a movie—"Babes on Swing Street"—Saturday night.

Patients who are musically inclined are offered the use of a piano accordion and a variety of stringed instruments for use on their wards. These instruments are available upon request and may be requested by telephoning extension 443.

USO Dance

Camp Lee's popular Rhythm Five dance orchestra will play for the special dance offered tonight in the USO Hall on Second and Grace Streets, in Richmond.

All service men and women are cordially invited to attend.

Combat Pay for Medical Units

New York Herald Tribune, December—Many will welcome assurance that the War Department is giving its attention to additional recognition for men of the Medical Corps serving with combat units. This is a matter about which the G. I.'s themselves feel strongly. They know that where there is danger, there the medic is also. They know that the call goes out for him the minute the enemy really has the range. He is as essential to victory as is the infantryman, to whom his presence may at any moment mean life rather than death. General Eisenhower has recommended to visiting Congressmen, says a wholly credible report from Europe, that he be given extra combat pay comparable to that of the combat unit he serves.

Secretary Stimson indicates that the case of the man of the Medical Corps presents a separate problem because of his non-combat status under the Geneva Convention, but separate insignia and a separate pay system would seem to clear that hurdle. The Secretary noted also that more Medical Corps men receive technical ratings, thus boosting average pay, but that doesn't help the medic who hasn't his rating nor compensate the corps generally when it leaves a safe spot for the shooting front. We hope for the sake of G. I.'s, as well as of the men of the Medical Corps themselves, that this particular bit of justice need not be longer delayed.

Congress Gives Priority to Vets In Surplus Property Purchases

By Camp Newspaper Service

What chance has a World War II veteran—whose only capital is a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights—to successfully establish himself as a small businessman after his return to civil life?

Recent developments in the nation's capital throw some light on this question although they by no means tell the whole story.

One of the most important developments is the enactment by Congress of Public Law No. 457, known as the "Surplus Property Act of 1944." Section 16 of that law, entitled "Dispositions To Veterans," reads:

The Board (Surplus Property Board in the Office of War Mobilization, created by the act) shall prescribe regulations to effectuate the objectives of this act to aid veterans to establish and maintain their own small business, professional or agricultural enterprises, by affording veterans suitable preferences to the extent feasible and consistent with the policies of this act in the acquisition of the types of surplus property useful in such enterprises."

That is all the act says with reference to preferences to veterans. The drawing up of regulations is left to the Surplus Property Board, which hasn't been appointed yet, hence no regulations. When the regulations are made public, CNS will report them.

Certain other advantages extended by the act to small business generally also will benefit veterans. One of the stated objectives of the act is to "discourage monopolistic practices and to strengthen and preserve the competitive position of small business concerns in an economy of free enterprise."

The Smaller War Plants Corpora-

X-Ray---The Pictures that Give the Inside Story from Beginning to End

An X-ray picture is to the surgeon what a blueprint is to the engineer—except that an X-ray picture gives the surgeon the added advantage of being able to check periodically on the progress of the internal reconstruction of bone or tissue following surgical treatment.

McGuire X-Ray Department, under the direction of Major Richard Schatzki, former X-Ray staff member of Massachusetts General Hospital, is one of the most completely equipped of its kind. Stationary units for ambulatory patients and portable units for bed-fast cases enable the X-Ray staff to give surgeons a prompt response to any emergency or routine picture request.

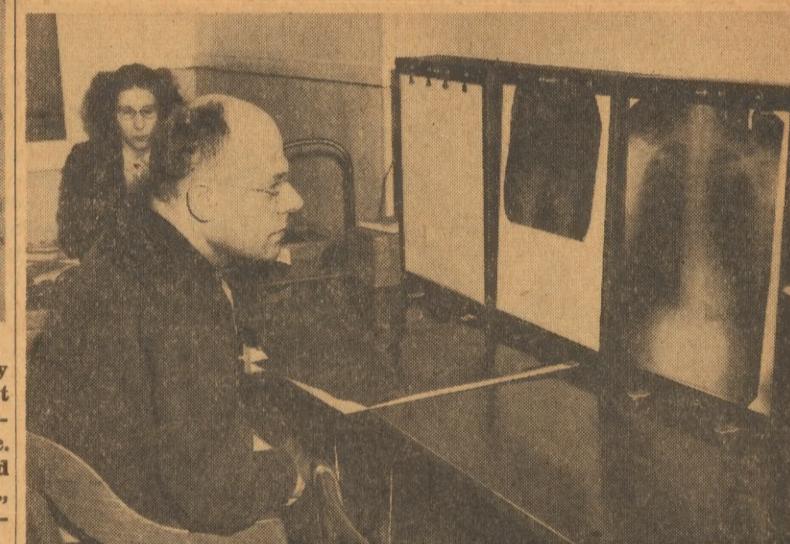
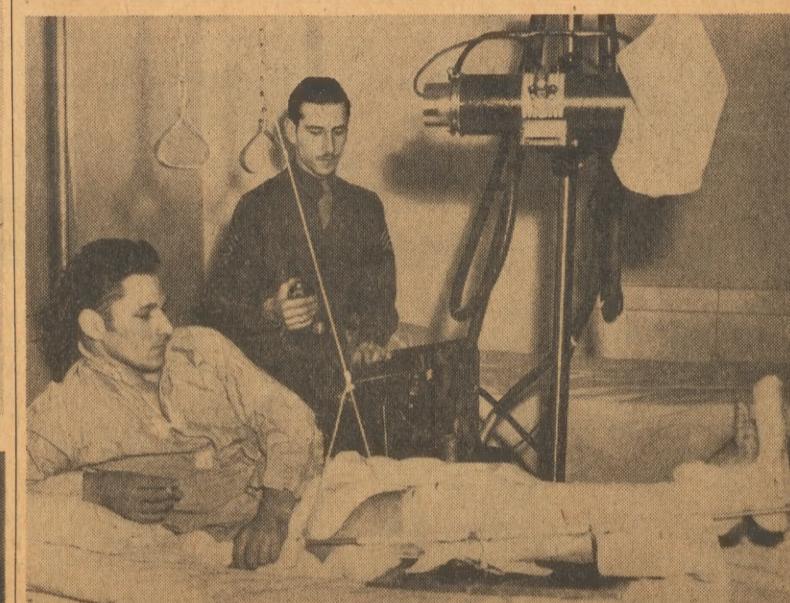


Pictured at the right is shown a complete X-Ray cycle from the request for the picture to the report of the findings.

The first picture shows pretty X-Ray attendant, Elizabeth Scott of Richmond, writing an X-Ray request for McGuire patient Pfc. Thomas A. Accordini, wounded overseas veteran from Bronx, N. Y., who came to McGuire on December 26th.

In the picture to the right of Accordini, Pvt. Arthur Kaiser of Pittston, Pa., is having his hand X-Rayed by T4 Frederick W. Fredette and Cpl. William G. Brown, of McGuire X-Ray department staff. Pvt. Kaiser saw service in the Aleutians, Africa and France before gunshot wounds received in France sent him to McGuire as a patient. He arrived at the hospital on Dec. 26th.

Below the picture of Kaiser is shown X-Ray Technician Sgt. Har-



old Davis, who received his training at the Army X-Ray Technician School, using a portable unit to X-Ray leg of McGuire patient Charles L. Lucas of Mineola, Long Island.

Lucas, who came to McGuire on December 7th, served overseas with a Tank Battalion and was wounded August 29 by shell fragments from an enemy grenade that exploded close by and severely injured his

right leg.

Below the picture of Lucas, Major Richard Schatzki, department chief, studies X-Ray plates of two other cases as he dictates reports on them to his secretary, Miss Elizabeth Lewis, of Richmond, Va.

Below the picture of Accordini (in the wheel chair) is shown WAC X-Ray technician Pfc. Elizabeth Craig, who has just finished developing the plate she is checking.

New Year Party

Col. Dickinson S. Pepper and Major Frank P. Coleman were hosts of the joint Medical-Surgical-Department New Year party held last Saturday in the beautifully decorated Conference Room.

The impressive list of guests included Col. P. E. Duggins, Colonels Westbrook, Joliffe (ANC) and McDonald; Majors Grindlay, Acosta, Barnes, Bennett, Jeffers, Kochenderfer, Love, Rogliano, Schatzki, Scuderia, and Swank; Captains Carlson, Cashman, Chayet, Deichler, Ditenfass, Garber, Jarrett, B. Mann, J. Mann Miller, Ohme, Resch, Ross, Rothstein, Van Vacter (WAC) and Waggoner (WAC); Lieutenants Breed (WAC), Face, Griswold, Pyfer, Remly and Tilley. Several members of the Army Nurses Corp attended the party. Among them were Captains Martin and Maxwell,

Lieutenants King, Meyers and Moore.

Delicious home-made cookies (baked by Col. Pepper!) and other delightfully toothsome tid bits accompanied the unusual beverage (also concocted by Col. Pepper) which comprised the refreshments served a la buffet.

Mrs. Kay Mulvey was chairman of the party committee, and serving with her were Mrs. Alma Ingram, Miss Nina Hansen, Miss Pat Mulvey, Pfc. Irene duBois and Cpl. Howard Stockton.

All guests wore high fashion olive drab with gold and silver highlights of ornamentation, designed and tailored by U. S. America & Co.

Rabbi Calisch to Speak

Rabbi Edward N. Calisch, of Richmond, will be guest speaker for the Jewish Book Exhibit and meeting being held tonight at 7:30 pm in the room opposite the McGuire library in Building 207. There will be music and refreshments after the meeting.

The Book Exhibit will also be on display tomorrow and Saturday evenings.

WOLF RECRUTS WACS

Indianapolis (CNS)—Know the name of the officer in charge of WAC recruiting here? It's Cpt. Louis C. Wolf.

Tokyo Radio Flash!

"The high command has found it expedient to abandon plans for dictating peace in the White House. Current plans are to make the Americans come to us."

FORT WORTH—The Civil Aeronautics board has applications on file for extension of airline service to 723 cities, many of them in Texas.—McAllen (Tex.) Evening Monitor: Great State, Texas.

What About It?

(Ed. Note—The above title applies to the "inquiring photog" column of this week only as this column may be known by most any other name hereafter.)

Cpl. Bruce Milgrim, the inquiring photographer, was fresh out of things to do, so he cooked up this little deal.

Lurking under the bedside tables on the wards, or behind bedsprings, the ubiquitous Milgrim and his

camera pounced on unsuspecting patients and fired the following question at 'em—"Have your Army experiences influenced or changed your plans for after the war?"

While the poor caught-off-balance guy was trying to frame a reply, "Flash" Milgrim would snap a photograph of him.

Reading from left to right (across top, then lower) the final results are:

1.—Pvt. Tony Janavaris, of Harrisburg, Pa., who served overseas with the combat engineers, "No, I can't say that my plans have been changed. I was in the restaurant business before the war and would have stayed in it if I hadn't joined the Army. I'm going to open my own restaurant after the war. I do think many of the fellows have had their plans changed by their Army experiences from what they told me, but my plans are the same as they were before the war—to open my own place."

2.—Pfc. Leo Trentadue of San Francisco, California, said, "I had just graduated from high school and was getting ready to enter college when I joined the Army. I still want to go to college, but now being in the Army has made me appreciate the advantages of education more than I did before joining. This 'GI Bill of Rights' deal sounds pretty good to me and I am planning to get my college expenses paid by Uncle Sam."



3.—Pfc. Fred L. Evans, from New Carlisle, Ohio, who served overseas as a surgical technician replied:

"Before I came into the Army I was a salesman interested in becoming a photographer. I have spent two years and eight months in the Army and I still intend to study photography when this war job turns me loose. So I can't say that the Army has affected my plans, except to give me a better chance at going to photography school under the 'GI Bill of Rights' program, and becoming a professional cameraman."

4.—Pfc. Abraham Twersky of New York City came back with, "Changed my plans? Not a bit of it! I was a linotype operator before the war, and my old job is waiting for me whenever I get through with this fighting. I've been in the Army two and a half years now, and I'm looking forward to going back to linotype operating. Its a good job—pays good money—and as long as I am sure of getting my old job back I'm satisfied. My old boss is the kind of a guy that keeps his word, and if he's still there—well I am sitting pretty."

1945 Brings New Points On Smokes

A New Year resolution to give up smoking will be helped along by the new regulation, effective January 2, which provides for the rationing of cigarettes and limits ration card holders to one pack a day "IF AVAILABLE".

McGuire PX is authorized to sell cigarettes only to purchasers having ration cards. Military personnel duty officers may secure ration cards for cigarettes from the PX office, while enlisted personnel may obtain them from the commanding officer of Hqrs. Detachment. Patients' cards will be issued by the commanding officer of the patients' detachment. Civilian employees of McGuire or civilians authorized to make purchases at the PX office for cigarette ration cards. Cards must be signed by the holder in order to be used for purchasing cigarettes.



(Sgt. Bill Allison was too busy to write his usual sports notes this past week so we quote verbatim from the column of Jim McCullery. Any how, horses may not be Bill's meat).

"Racing in the United States lost its legs, for the time being, by federal edict, and now it has lost its voice. Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the New York State Racing Commission, has resigned because of other duties."

"Swope, a former newspaper editor, meant much more to the turf game than chairman of the NY commission. He was a spokesman for all racing in the depths of Washington red tape for many years. What Swope meant to racing remains to be seen. He was respected and loved by many, disliked by others. He has been closer to the national scene than any other man interested in the so-called Sport of Kings. He was the first man to indicate that official Washington was interested in a National Co-ordinator of Sports. That it never succeeded in getting one is another thing.

"Whatever Swope advised for racing, usually came to pass—good or bad, whichever way one considered it. Racing has lost an important man. It has lost its voice."

Here's another angle from another source: "The 1944 racing season was a highly satisfactory one in spite of wartime restrictions. More dough was distributed, more tracks were included and greater crowds were attracted.

"While in '43 purses at major tracks and at the remaining Hunts Meetings totalled \$360,050, the past season saw \$547,115 distributed. Every track showed a marked increase in purses."

On Thanksgiving Day, 1895, the first automobile road race in the United States was run in Illinois.

As One Adjutant to Another . . .



You'll find it right in Funk and Wagnalls latest dictionary—"ADJUTANT, a staff officer who assists a commander" . . . "a carrion eating East Indian stork" . . . What is carrion? Well, that's carryin' things a bit too far!

Langley Field Five Invade Generals' Gym Tonight

Langley Field basketball team will face strong opposition tonight when they meet the Generals on home ground. The game is scheduled for 8 pm in the McGuire gym.

Spirits revived by their recent 11-point win over the Northside Athletic Club, the Generals are really steamed up for a series of victories for the remainder of the 1944-1945 season.

Then, last night, came the terrific 62-37 trimming they took from RAAB's Thunderbyrds. Cheswick's 16 points and Allison's 13 accounted for the major portion of the Generals score.

McGuire Generals' line up for tonight will be announced prior to the game, and Cpl. Al Bianco is expected to be returned from furlough to officiate in his usual capacity at the game.

On Monday, January 8, the McGuire five play Richmond Naval Training Station away, and on next Thursday evening at 8 pm, they will take on Fort Monroe quintet here.

NORFOLK—Provost Marshal to new SP: "Didn't you hear the chief tell all you men to wash your bras-sards last night?"

New SP: "Yeah, what does he think we are—a bunch of WAVES?"

FARMVILLE, Va.—Young son with his father at hospital as new arrival is brought from maternity ward: "A girl, Pop? Why, ya big sissy!"

RICHMOND—Seaman Sc to very attractive young lady gazing in store window of Thalhimer's Department Store: "Could I interest you in something Navy Blue?"

LOS ANGELES—Boy Scout of Hollywood Troop No. 41 to maid backstage of Gaiety Theatre: "Just tell her a Hollywood scout to see her."

Hop on the War Bond Wagon.

McGuire civilian girls' basketball team (see picture at right) played the girls' team of Northside Athletic Club on December 21st, and lost by a score of 36 to 12 just before the Generals played the men's team of the same club and chalked up their big score of 28-17. However, the loyal fans were not too concerned over the McGuire girls' defeat because the scenery was so beautiful.

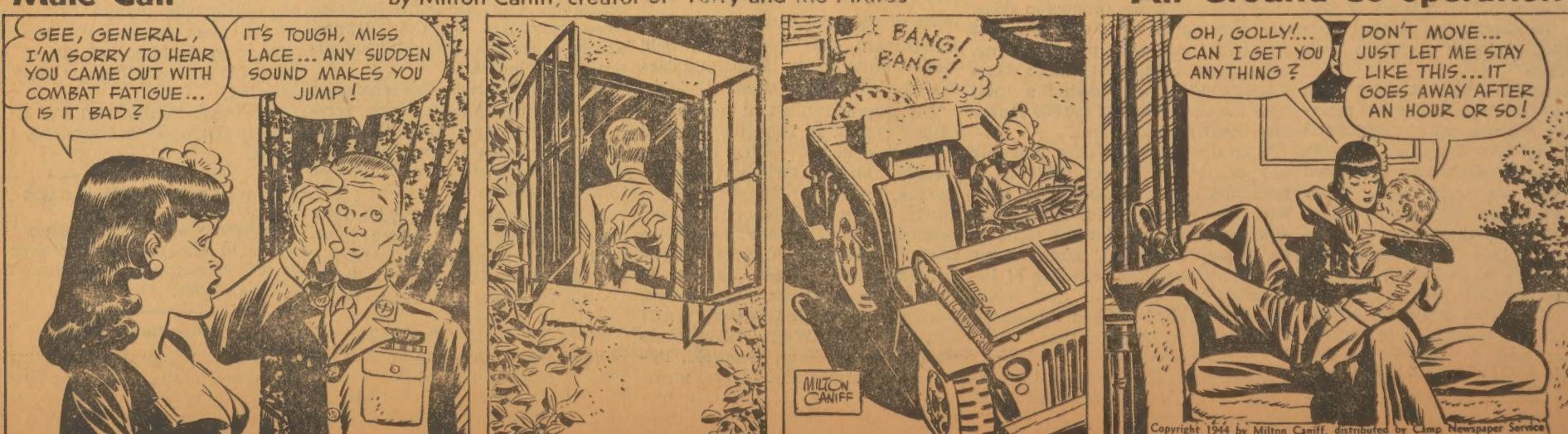
For the spring season in athletic activities, Sgt. Bill Allison and Cpl. Al Bianco have an impressive slate lined up, they say in duet, "We cannot announce any spring season line-up until the boys return from holiday furloughs and settle down to business."



These beauties can really play basketball, although it's alright with the fans if they just stand there and pose. Left to right (line forms on the right, boys!) they are: Jean Mills, forward, Transportation Department; Eva Mae Reed, guard, Registrar's Office; Florence Andrews, forward, Military Personnel; Rosalie McDonald, forward, Information Desk; Joan Rothgeb, guard, Signal Office; Louise Beverly, guard, Purchasing Department, and Alice Mae Cannon of Military Personnel.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Air-Ground Co-operation

